

BRENTWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF 2/7/09 PUBLIC HEARING FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT BOND

Convened: 9:00 a.m.

Present: David Menter
Kevin Johnston
Jeffrey Bryan
Andrew Artimovich
George Waldron

At 9:10 a.m. Menter opened the public hearing for the \$1,695,000 Fire Department Bond that is included in this year's warrant. Menter then handed the floor over to contractor John Ricci of Ricci Construction. Ricci gave a brief description of the proposed fire station indicating that it includes a generator that would supply the entire facility when needed. He explained that it is a very energy-efficient building that contains a radiant heating system among other qualities.

Bob Gilbert, representing the Energy Committee, read a letter addressed to the building committee stating they cannot support the proposed station as it does not include enough energy saving measures. The committee would like to see \$30,000 devoted to this goal.

Bryan reiterated Ricci's explanation regarding the measures that have been taken to make it an energy-efficient building. He commented that it would have been nice to have had this feedback during the planning phase rather than after the fact. Joan Pratt of the Energy Committee stated that these points were made last year and they didn't feel they needed to repeat them.

Gary Raymond, member of the Fire Station Building Committee, said they will gladly get copies of the plans to the Energy Committee and would welcome any input they may have. Fire Chief Kevin Lemoine said they can look into the possibility of using some of the contingency fund on solar panels.

Brentwood resident Richard Neely said he would like to see a breakdown of the \$1,695,000. Ricci responded that he can provide that information. There was also question regarding the use of local labor. Ricci replied that they have always made this their practice.

A number of residents commented that they would like more information, such as a cost comparison of the existing expenses of the current fire station vs. those for the proposed new. The Building Committee said they will get more information together for the taxpayers to review.

At 9:50 a.m. Menter closed the public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stevens